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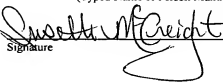
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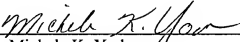
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		JP 10-36911	02-10-1998	Nippon Steel Corp.		
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